Text-Book Committee.

433. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what were the points of reference to the Committee consisting of Messrs. P. Krishna Menon and Thomas Manjuran appointed to examine the present system of selecting Text-Books for schools and mentioned in the Diwan's Proceedings order, dated 7th July 1931, Dis. No. 208/R/1106;

(b) did not this Committee recommend that the Text-Book Committee should consist of 15 members of whom three members are to be selected from the Malayalam Improvement Committee, two from the Legislative Council and the rest from the Education Department;

(c) did it strike the Government that in making his tentative suggestion, the Director of Public Instruction had excluded the Members of the Legislative Council;

(d) from which year onwards were two Members of the Legislative Council taken on to the Text-Book Committee and what was that due to;

(e) what were the reasons that prevailed with the Director of Public Instruction in making his tentative suggestions and the Government in accepting those suggestions which excluded the Members of the Legislative Council from the constitution of the Text Book Committee?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) To examine the present system of selecting text books.

(b) Yes, in the first instance, but they afterwards modified this. The modified recommendation of the Committee was that the Text-Book Committee should consist of 15 members of whom two members are to be selected from the Malayalam Improvement Committee, one nominated by the Government from the Malayalam Section of the Oriental Department of the Madras University, two nominated by the Government from the Legislative Council and the rest from the Education Department.

(c) Yes; but Government did not consider the inclusion of Legislative Council Members as such essential.

(d) From 1102, due to a resolution passed in the Legislative Council.

(e) The Committee is an Educational Committee and should be composed of Educational experts. Members of the Legislative Council will be nominated if there are suitable persons amongst them.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—(d) Two Members used to be the members of the Text Book Committee. Has

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that resolution which has been accepted by the Government cancelled?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It must have been cancelled by a later order. Otherwise it would have been in force. The fact that it was not given effect to itself shows that it has been cancelled.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know which that order is?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—By the order constituting the new committee.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Am I to understand that there is no other order?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Not that I am aware of.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—In constituting the committee of Messrs. P. Krishna Menon and Thomas Manjuran did not the Government consider that Messrs. P. Krishna Menon and Manjuran are educational experts?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I have no information as to the grounds on which this committee has been appointed. I have absolutely no doubt that they are educated and educational experts. That is not the point of issue here.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether the Government knows that the Hon'ble Member for Vadakkancheri sitting in this Council is no other than the gentleman Mr. P. Krishna Menon who was appointed by the Government to go into the whole question?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is it due to lack of proper hands in the Council that two new members were not appointed to the new committee?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Government never said that there were no educational experts in the Council. No such restriction was necessary. Whenever there are educational experts and whenever they are wanted they will be appointed. As a matter of fact the Muslim Member is a Member of the committee.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Answer to (e). I am led to think and anybody will be led to think that the exclusion of the members of the Legislative Council from the present Text Book Committee is due to lack of hands of educational experts, and it is for this purpose that I brought it from the Government itself, that the very gentleman who went into the whole question and recommended the continuation of the two members of the Legislative Council in the Text Book Committee is even now sitting in this Council. It means presumably that it is due to lack of educational experts on the non-official side of this House that the exclusion was effected. This can

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be understood to mean only that it was due to lack of hands that the members were not selected.

Deputy President. — What is your supplementary question?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Was it due to lack of hands?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It is simply for this reason. There was no necessity to make this restriction. As a matter of fact they have included and the Government view was that there was no necessity to mention that Members of the Legislative Council should be included. That restriction was unnecessary. It was not meant that there were no educationists or educational experts in the Council.

Kunnamkulam—Choolisseri Village.

434. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it has received representations from the inhabitants of Choolisseri Village to have a poramboke tank ക്ഷ repaired;

(b) whether it has inquired into this matter and found the necessity for the repair;

(c) whether there is any water reservoir in the village which can be utilised for the use of cattle in the hot months of the year;

(d) whether its repairs can be provided for in the next budget?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—(a) No such representation can be traced.

(b) Yes; but the repair is not very urgent.

(c) Yes; there are two canals which used to be bunded up every year in the hot months.

(d) Yes, if funds permit.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—(c). By whom is this work done?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—I think it is done by the people of the locality.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Does the Government give them any help?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—So, but for this generosity on the part of the people, can I take it that the village will be without water during the hot months?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—There are two canals which are usually bunded up during the hot months of

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